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MARIO FLORES, Individually and as next friend of his minor child, AIDEN FLORES; CHRISTOPHER BAERGA, Individually and as next friend of his minor child, ABBY BAERGA; DANA ALLEN, Individually and as next friend of his minor child, TEAL **EVELYN ALLEN: JASON AND** SARAH CHRISTENSEN, Individually and as next friend of his minor children, LUKE AND GRACE CHRISTENSEN; **BROOKS FLEMISTER, Individually** and as next friend of his minor child, **ULRIC FLEMISTER**; and, TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiffs,

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

THE COUNTY, TEXAS

ROBERT SCOTT, In his official capacity as Commissioner of Education; TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY; TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; and, SUSAN COMBS, In her official capacity as the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts,

Defendants.

53RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANTS' ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORASLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW Robert Scott in his official capacity as the Commissioner of Education, Texas Education Agency, Texas State Board of Education and, Susan Combs in her official capacity as the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts [hereinafter "Defendants"], represented by Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas, and the

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undersigned Assistants Attorney General, and files this Original Answer in response to Plaintiffs' Original Petition and Request for Declaratory Judgment.

I GENERAL DENIAL

Subject to and without waiver of any defenses to which it is entitled under law and consistent with the rights afforded it by Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants assert a general denial to each and every allegation contained in Plaintiffs' Original Petition and demand strict proof thereof.

II PRAYER

Defendants request Plaintiffs take nothing by this action. Defendants further respectfully request the Court award to Defendants any relief to which they are entitled, including costs of suit and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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